

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I discontinued my land line service because of all the use fees for things that I either did not use or used very little. I felt in my case as a retired senior person living on a limited income (although not so limited that I get any government telephone subsidies) that I could control my telephone costs by using pay-as-you-go services. Very often I paid almost \$40. a month for phone service, almost half of which was for fees and taxes and I made no calls during the month.

I am tired of paying for my own expenses and those of people who will not contribute to their own welfare.

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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